

Personal Mention.

We have on hand a Chicago letter from Brother McFaden. People were beginning to inquire "where you were at," Brother Mac.

We learn thro Brother Yoder that on May 7, Brother Bashor began a ten days meeting at Goshen, Indiana. We are pleased to hear this good news as will be also our readers.

Brother Grisso says; "I am indeed glad to see Ohio wake up. The need of a convention in this state can easily be seen when we note the progress of the churches in other states, Indiana for example: Pennsylvania as well."

Brother Rench reports two more accessions Sabbath evening, May 2. One by relation and the other from the Disciples. Thus the good work goes on.

The meeting at Hagerstown closed with fourteen accessions. Among this number is one from the Catholic church, the report of which appeared in a Hagerstown paper. We reprint the report in this issue.

A PLAIN STATEMENT.

The call of the Finance Committee of Ashland University for a meeting of the creditors, representatives of the districts, and friends of the College to be held in Ashland on May 4, for the purpose of making a full settlement of the entire College indebtedness was responded to by about twenty brethren. Those present represented the Finance Committee, the creditors, and friends of the College some of whom represented their respective congregations. The following facts were developed in the course of the meeting:—

1. In reference to the Apportionments of the several districts it was found that

	PAID.	DELINQUENT.
Ohio,	\$2071.00,	\$ 929.00
Penn.,	1187.86,	1416.00
Ind.,	457.95,	1542.05
Cal.,	215.00,	85.00

All other districts had paid \$76.75, while in these districts \$2208.25 remained unpaid. The Finance Committee had at their command \$4008.56, while \$6307.20 of the total apportionment was either in the hands of collectors *not present* or remained unpaid.

2. The total indebtedness and resources (bills receivable and interest) remain substantially the same as published in EVANGELIST No. 14 current volume.

3. The cash in the hands of the Finance Committee was insufficient to furnish a basis upon which a settlement could be effected.

4. It was the earnest desire of the

creditors to save the property to the church if at all possible. To do this they were willing to make concessions involving great personal sacrifices.

5. However, the initial steps in the foreclosure of a mortgage held by a creditor having already been taken, a committee was constituted, by the creditors present, authorized to dispose of the property to satisfy the debt. The committee was further instructed to give the church an opportunity thro the Finance Committee to secure the college property by satisfying the debt.

CONCLUSION.

What remains to be done? Only *one thing* will save it now to the church. That one thing is to meet the apportionment at once, and so place the funds as to be at the command of the Finance Committee, so that the committee may have a chance to talk business to those appointed to sell the property. That immediate action is imperative is obvious to all. Who will come to the help of this work? Who?

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MILLER, Chairman.

INDIANA'S DUTY.

What is it? Why every congregation that promised either Brother Beal or Brother Welty to send in so much money to pay the debt of Ashland University should fulfill that promise and that at once. Brother Keim announced that there has been enough promised to pay the debt, and can you repudiate your promises? Preachers are turned down as dishonest if they do not pay their promises, but how about the congregation? Pastors, what are you doing to help your congregations do as they agreed? In nine cases out of ten your people have been waiting for you to take the lead. Can you afford to be pointed out as the pastor whose congregation refused to do anything? Before I would stand in such a position I would pay what I could myself and then resign my pastorate of such a church.

But very few notified the state committee as to what you intended to do for the college, hence, that committee could not act. Since the Finance Committee promises to return the money if the debt is not paid, that ought to be insurance enough. Let us do what we promised so that no censure can be passed upon us.

G. W. RENCH.

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY.

In addition to the report given by the chairman of a meeting held on May 4, in the interests of the institution, we want to say in way of explanation that Illiokota

district wired us that \$600.00 of their apportionment was collected and they were not through. Kanemorado district wrote us that a canvas of their district would probably secure all their apportionment. California we think will send in their small balance yet due very soon. Indiana district has nearly all their money subscribed but did not fully understand the situation of things, and the money was not collected and sent in. How about Ohio? Ohio is alright, only some of the churches have not collected all their money and sent it in. Pennsylvania district and Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia have been misinformed, and did not fully understand the financial condition of Ashland University.

When we fully review the situation, we find that the major portion of the shortage to balance the indebtedness is now in reach of the Finance Committee, only about \$4000.00 yet to collect and the \$10,000.00 apportionment can be turned over to the creditors, and the balance of about \$6000.00 of promissory notes now on hand, executed in 1892 and since, payable in installments, will be collected as they fall due, and paid over to the creditors. A few thousand dollars only yet to collect and sent in to the Finance Committee will secure to the church a property costing upwards of \$100,000.00, but vigorous and efficient work must be done, and that without delay. Proceedings have been taken already in the foreclosing of the mortgages, and men of shrewd business management of other denominations are on the alert watching to take from us that beautiful and centrally located property at sheriff's sale. God forbid that this must come to pass. Do not say that we cannot conduct a school without running into debt, for it can be done. Do not say that we can do without it, as it is as essential to maintain the principles and doctrine of our fraternity, as the air we breathe is to maintain life and health. Who will volunteer where there are delinquent congregations to collect up the balance unpaid and send it in. Write us for information and help. Yours fraternally,

Ashland University Finance Com.,

JOHN KEIM, Sec.

"There are questions which nothing can answer but God's love, which nothing can meet but God's promises, which nothing can calm but a perfect trust in his goodness. . . . There is a shadow and a mystery upon all the creation till we see God in it; there is trouble and fear till we see God's love."

The most repulsive task becomes a glory when done for Him.